

Page 4, line 5, change "60" to --52--.

Page 4, line 5, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

Page 4, line 6, change "62" to --52--.

Page 4, line 8, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

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Page 4, line 15, after "inlet portion" insert --60--.

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Page 4, line 29, change "72 of the funnel 74" to --80 of the funnel 82--.

Page 5, line 4, delete "82".

Page 5, lines 8-9, change "surface 84" to --face 602--.

Page 5, line 16, change "a first face 602," to --the first face 602,--.

Page 5, line 27, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

Page 6, line 25, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 12, and 15-17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A fuel injector having a fuel inlet, a fuel outlet, and a fuel passageway extending from the fuel inlet to the fuel outlet along a longitudinal axis, the fuel injector comprising:
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- a body having an inlet portion, an outlet portion, and a neck portion disposed between the inlet portion and the outlet portion;
  - an armature adjacent the inlet portion of the body;
  - a needle operatively connected to the armature;
  - a seat proximate the needle and having a first face, a second face, and a circumferential surface disposed between the first face and the second face, the circumferential surface including a first zone and a second zone that are connected by an intermediate zone extending substantially perpendicular to the first and second zones, the intermediate zone contiguously engaging the body; and
  - a seal disposed between the second zone of the seat and the body so that the seal thermally isolates the second zone of the seat from the body.



15. (Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the [retention member] contiguously engaging comprises [a surface that engages the intermediate zone of the seat to define] defining a first contact area between the body and the seat.

16. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the [retention member] retaining includes crimping a [crimped] section on the neck portion [and] that is disposed at the outlet portion of the body.

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the [seal] disposing comprises a polytetrafluoroethylene seal.